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Photo by Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon

Kadena F-15C reaches 6,000-hour milestone

Senior Airman Alexander Figliola, 44th Fighter Squadron assistant crew chief for Aircraft 78-0518, cleans the window of the first F-15C in the Air Force to log 6,000 hours of flying time. For more on this milestone, see Page 5.

Getting better all the time

Kadena shows improvement in recent inspection

By Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon
Shogun associate editor

Kadena's efforts to safeguard its people and the environment improved by 60 percent over last year, according to the Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program (ESOH CAMP) preliminary inspection team.

Twenty-one ESOH CAMP assessment team members from headquarters Pacific Air Forces inspected Kadena for compliance with Air Force Policy Directive 90-8 Aug. 25 through Sept. 3.

Highlighting the positive

The team also found that the number of positive findings — efforts going above and beyond what regulations require — has doubled since last year.

During the environmental area inspection, which includes air emissions, hazardous materials and waste, environmental law and natural resources, the team had 20 positive findings.

Under the hazardous material and hazardous waste sections, the team had four findings each. One of those findings was from the Kadena Hazardous Material Pharmacy, known as the HazMart team.

"The Kadena HazMart team, under the leadership of Master Sgt. Tommy Johnson, 18th Sup-

ply Squadron, is by far the best seen in PACAF to date," Settle said. "They effectively account for hazardous material at Kadena, provide customer education on effective management of hazardous materials, operate one of the best programs in PACAF," Settle said.

Settle highlighted supply's Free-issue Program, where leftover hazardous materials, like half a can of paint, are issued free for re-use by other units. He also pointed out Kadena's unique Matrix Program, where individuals from other squadrons work in the Hazardous Materials Pharmacy for four months, gaining knowledge about the entire hazardous materials process.

Settle also highlighted PACAF's only fully-operational Air Force Environmental Management Information System, a tracking device for all hazardous materials, from cradle to grave.

Success stories

The inspection also praised the 18th Supply Squadron Petroleum Oils and Lubricants section, better known in the Fuels Management Flight as POL, and its storage tanks section. POL earned three findings, while the storage tanks section had one.

"POL management is a success story," Settle said.

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EXCELLENCE DEFINED

Thinking outside box earns Logistics Group members PACAF Chief of Staff award

By Charles K. Steitz
Shogun Volunteer

Excellence can be defined in many ways and by many kinds of situations. In the Air Force, and throughout the military, the term excellence is used synonymously with results.

Over the past several months, 18th Logistics Group members pulled together and worked hundreds of hours to produce real results by designing and implementing an efficient data base program referred to as Eagle Eye.

Eagle Eye improves upon the current Air Force software applications used to track the numerous components on military aircraft. Already the limited use of this program has produced improvements by reducing the hours used to develop, calculate, and amend tracking reports used by avionics maintainers as well as senior Air Force officials. For example, a daily report that once took four hours to complete now can be done in 20 minutes.

Payne, the team leader for Eagle Eye explains, "Eagle Eye is a multitask, integrated software system that was developed over five years. Friend, Lazette, and Slane represent the fourth generation of technicians to work on this project. This latest version is probably the most robust as it is designed to be customer oriented and can dramatically enhance how the Air Force tracks particular products and components that are being repaired off the aircraft. Eagle Eye was developed for a number of reasons."

The primary objective in developing the software application was that the current data-collection system didn't provide enough flexibility needed to repair technical components and keep track of them off the equipment. In other words, the current Air Force data-collection-and-tracking system was designed to keep track of products on the aircraft.

Unfortunately, this was an "on-equipment" data base analysis and collection system only. "Eagle Eye was developed and refined to track our repair actions, the parts we produce, where they go, and how they perform," said Payne. "Eagle Eye was also designed to analyze information that we previously could not obtain like, date of repairs, type of products or component, procedures, and failure rates."

Another feature and benefit is Eagle Eye can produce the necessary data for management actions, including preparing reports for distribution and clarification of specific actions or requests.

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— Senior Master Sgt. David Payne

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Kadena members help test for lead in Russian schools

By Staff Sgt. Orville Desjarlais
Kadena Shogun editor

Kindergarten children in Russia's Primorsky Krai region were the focus of a humanitarian assistance mission led by a Kadena detachment commander and two others in the 311th Human Systems Wing.

The team checked for lead in six of the region's 100 kindergarten schools, testing soil, water, air, paint surfaces, dust and blood. Lt. Col. Richard Ashworth, Detachment 3 commander, 311th Human Systems Wing, led an eight-person, joint-service team that was in Russian from Aug. 28 until Tuesday. Capts. Pete Breed and Paul Hanny, also from the Det. 3, were part of the team. The 311th is part of the Air Force Institute for Environmental Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas.

In their quest to discover the source of lead exposure to children in that area, the team of medical officers collected 1,342 samples: 97 water, 207 soil, 47 air, 701 surface, 44 dust samples, 210 blood (203 which were of children), and even 36 samples of the breathing air of 11 pregnant women to try and uncover the source of lead before birth.

Of their samples, the team was able to analyze or screen 96 percent of all their tests on site, enabling them to pass the majority of their testing results to Primorsky Krai officials when they were finished with their mission.

Preliminary results reveal little or no lead was found in a majority of the tests; however, "Of the 203 blood tests we gave to children, about 56 of them tested above standards," said Ashworth. "It wasn't a significant problem, but one that requires follow-up investigations."

The culprit: paint

The culprit: recently-painted surfaces, according to Ashworth. "We found lead on playground equipment, on benches and sometimes on chairs being used in the kindergarten," he said. The team suspects that the paint Russia has recently began purchasing from other countries contains high levels of lead. Similar paint can even be traced back to the children's homes.

It will take weeks before the team learns the results of their air samples.

The humanitarian lead-testing trip is one of a five-part program that will include bringing medical providers from both countries together to exchange patient care techniques, consulting on medical protection programs, donating excess medical equipment, and exchanging ideas in dealing with natural disasters.

No Russian resources

Ashworth, who was part of the planning team that traveled to Russia June 21, said the Primorsky Krai region simply didn't have the resources, both in funding and equipment, to do the type of testing his team accomplished.

However, the region did have professionals from the Primorsky Krai Department of Health, the Vladivostok State Medical University and the State Department of Epidemiology

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Kadena clinic tests OK in Y2K check

By Master Sgt. Stefanie Doner
18th Wing Public Affairs

You're leaving the club after a really great New Year's Eve party when you suddenly find yourself tumbling down the steps.

You didn't notice the object directly in your path until it was too late and now you're sitting on the pavement wondering if that sharp pain in your ankle is a sprain or a broken bone. Next stop, Kadena's Acute Care Services.

But wait, it's Jan. 1, 2000. You know all about that Y2K problem — everyone's been talking about it. Will the medical folks be able to treat you or are they sitting in a facility with no power, water or operable medical equipment?

Worry not

The 18th Medical Group staff is way ahead of you. They know that the Y2K compatibility issue impacts everyone and the Military Health System (MHS) is no exception. Their mandate to have is no Y2K impacts on medical operations.

Y2K is shorthand for the potential of computer operating systems, software programs and microchips to malfunction on Jan. 1, 2000 because of a past computer industry practice of programming years with just two digits — 1999 would be "99."

Unless repaired or replaced, many of these information technology components may misread the century change as 1900 instead of 2000.

Such an error can cause systems to provide inaccurate information or shut down all together.

Within the MHS, erroneous date calculations could put medical operations at risk.

Patient accounting and billing systems, clinical and administrative services systems — such as those used in the pharmacy, laboratory and admitting — and systems that support the direct delivery of patient care during both peacetime and wartime also could be affected.

A year ago, Col. David Gilbreath, 18th Medical Group commander, appointed a cross-functional Y2K Medical Team to work all these various issues.

This team has worked diligently over the last year conducting inventories and assessments, and testing equipment and infrastructure that could fail due to a year 2000 incompatibility.

This team has reviewed three major areas impacting medical operations: biomedical equipment maintenance, facility management, and medical information systems.

They've also developed contingency plans to deal with any Y2K-related problems, should any develop, to ensure little or no impact on patient care or medical operations.

"We already have successfully participated in several base exercises and will continue to test and assess our capability right up until the

new millennium rings in," said Gilbreath.

Biomedical equipment is assessed by manufacturers for year 2000 compliance and, if certain criteria are met, tracked under the Food and Drug Administration's Safe Medical Devices Act.

After final assessment testing by a manufacturer, a letter certifying equipment compliance is sent to each medical treatment facility.

Early last year, the Med Group's biomedical equipment technicians verified the manufacturer assessments to ensure all biomedical equipment will be ready for the critical millennium rollover.

Clinical infrastructure, such as heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, is checked out by contractors. No matter what the equipment's use, if it's susceptible to a Y2K-related failure, a contingency plan exists to fix it and minimize any impact to patients and staff.

No Y2K discussion is complete without addressing computers.

The new clinic has a state-of-the-art Y2K compliant local area network. All computers and infrastructure were tested last September and found compliant.

The main database program used throughout the clinic for patient scheduling and appointments, producing reports, and matching patient needs to services is Y2K compliant, as well.

Testing is wrapping up on interfaces with TRICARE managed care support contractors, pharmaceutical supply vendors and the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS).

Your family

What does all this mean to you and your family?

While you may be hobbled for a while by a bad ankle, Kadena's medical services won't be hobbled by computer glitches in the new millennium.

"We have worked exceptionally hard to ensure our patients continue to receive the best possible care," said Gilbreath. "Patients can rest assured we will be ready for any emergency in the new millennium and beyond."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Orville Desjarlais

Master Sgt. Kevin Laverty, left, and Staff Sgt. Brian Gray, 18th Medical Support Squadron, run a Y2K test on a treadmill system used to test a person's heart rate.

BRIEFS

AF Ball takes place Sept. 25

The Air Force will celebrate its 52nd birthday Sept. 18. Kadena will celebrate this momentous occasion during its Air Force Ball Sept. 25 at the Kadena NCO Club.

Anyone wishing to attend may contact their unit first sergeant to purchase a ticket. The ball is open to all services and anyone from another branch of service who would like to attend may call Tech. Sgt. Vivian Spruill at 634-8977 for tickets.

Tickets cost \$12 for E-5 and below, \$20 for E6 to O-3 and \$25 for O-4 and above. Civilians pay the price for the equivalent grade.

Volunteers are also needed to help with ball preparations. To volunteer, call Tech. Sgt. Kevin Monkman at 634-5685.

POW/MIA observances slated

A POW/MIA Day ceremony is scheduled for 3 p.m., Sept. 24, at the base flag pole located at Building 10.

Brig. Gen. James B. Smith, 18th Wing commander, and Col. (retired) John C. Wright will speak. Wright, a former 67th Tactical Fighter Squadron commander, flew combat missions in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in Chapel 1. Attendees are asked to park in the Chapel 1 parking lot. For more information, call Master Sgt. Dan Wheaton at 634-0144/3801.

A POW/MIA breakfast is also planned at 7:30 a.m., Sept. 28, in the Rocker NCO Club. It's open to all services, retirees and civilian personnel. For information, call Master Sgt. Rita Green at 634-3547 or Master Sgt. Newlin Carter at 634-3870.

Holiday greetings start Sept. 23

The Army and Air Force Hometown News team holiday greetings television crew is scheduled to visit Kadena Sept. 23-24.

The team will videotape service members' holiday greetings at Kadena's picturesque Marek Park, Pavilion 1, for a later broadcast on hometown stations during the holiday season.

The taping sessions are scheduled as follows:

Air Force: Sept. 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sept. 24 from 8 a.m. to noon

Army: Sept. 24 from noon to 4 p.m.

Air Force members wishing to participate should call Staff Sgt. Keith Tuten at 634-1509.

Olmsted Scholarships available

Olmsted Scholarships will be available for officers in the Year 2000.

Unwaiverable requirements include regular officers who have completed at least three, but no more than 11 years of commissioned service, and no more than 11 total active federal military service as of March 1, 2000; have a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale; have achieved at least 550 on each portion of the Graduate Record Examination; have achieved at least 110



Photo by Staff Sgt. Orville Desjarlais

Award-winning fun

TOP: Jasmin Field, left, and Katrina Joiner enjoy a ride during an 18th Services Squadron picnic held Sept. 3 at Marek Park. The picnic was held to celebrate winning the Cutis E. LeMay Trophy for the best services squadron in the Air Force for 1998. Jasmin is the daughter of Staff Sgt. Steve Field, 909th Air Refueling Squadron, and Katrina is the daughter of Staff Sgt. Todd Joiner, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron.

RIGHT: A band member of Tony, Toni, Tone plays the guitar during their free concert that night.



Photo by Senior Airman Cohen Young

on the Defense Language Aptitude Battery. For more information, call the 18th Mission Support Squadron at 634-4220.

CGOC members meet

The Kadena Company Grade Officers' Council is having a general membership meeting at 4 p.m., Tuesday, in the Officers Club Ballroom. Business will include details about the upcoming Summer Splash fund raiser, as well as guest speakers.

For more information, call Capt. Jacqueline Chang at 634-2074.

Free luncheon for single parents

The Kadena Single Parents Group is offering a free luncheon for single parents at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, in the Officers Club Skoshi Room.

For more information or to sign up, call Staff Sgt. Marco Hoy at 632-8523.

Beach clean-up

U.S. and Japanese service members are joining forces to help clean up a beach south of Naha on Okinawa's Beach Clean-up Day Sept. 19.

People interested in participating should meet at Risner Gym at 7 a.m. that day. The clean-up is expected to last 90 minutes.

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Surveillance who helped plan and execute the program. By visit's end, the American team had trained 19 Russian scientists and doctors in the new methods.

"By the time we left, they were able to collect and analyze samples," Ashworth said. "There was no way we could've gotten all those samples without their help. Our host's performance was tremendous."

Although the team was asked to analyze 100 blood samples, they doubled that number. The chief of the Department of Health there presented every member of the Ameri-

can team a certificate of appreciation, noting that the same amount of work would have taken his department a year to have complete, according to Ashworth.

The biggest challenge of the trip was traveling, by commercial air, with 15 cases containing 800 pounds of equipment. "Just planning the mission made it worthwhile," said Ashworth. "We had a lot of restraints in getting equipment there and back. We had to do some real planning."

And, if possible, plans are to return in the near future. "Follow-

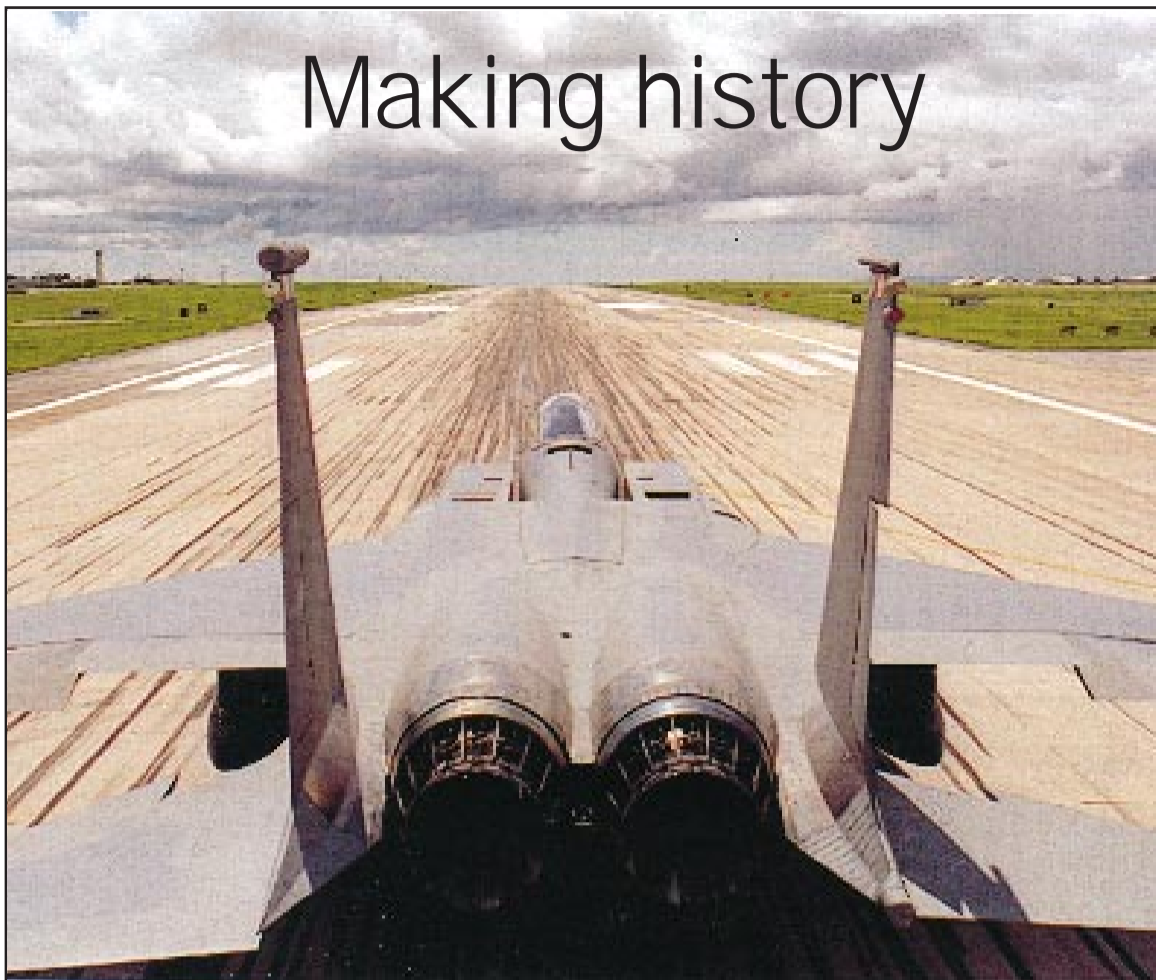
up work must be done to find the source of the high levels of lead we found in those 56 children," Ashworth said.

Other team members included: Dr. Prakash Temkar and Maj. Kay Burkman, Army Center for Health Promotions and Preventive Medicine Pacific, Camp Zama, Japan; Navy Lt.j.g. Michael Kubler, Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine, Unit 6, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Lt. Col. James Rickard, Marine Forces Pacific, Camp Smith, Hawaii; and Natasha Owen of Hawaii, an honorary Con-

sul General of the Russian Federation.

The process for all five parts of the agreement is expected to take five years to complete. This is not first time PACOM has gone to this region on a humanitarian mission. The Department of State, using PACOM people, sponsored two earlier operations. One involved a \$4.5 million donation of excess medical equipment in 1995 and the other a \$500,000 donation of excess medical equipment that took place in the spring of this year, as well as the planning mission in June.

Making history



Photos by Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon

78-0518 faces down Kadena's runway before her historic 6,000-hour flight Tuesday.

Kadena F-15C aircraft completes 6,000 hours, achieves Air Force first

By Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon
Shogun associate editor

Since joining the Air Force in 1979, she has flown more than any astronaut has ever travelled in space — more than *seven* trips to the moon and back.

She has exceeded 6,000 flying hours — the first C-model F-15 Eagle to ever do so in the Air Force, according to Chief Master Sgt. Edward Dyer, the Air Combat Command F-15 program manager, Langley Air Force Base, Va. Her historical flight was Tuesday.

78-0518 — her tail number — was delivered to the 33rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. Feb. 6, 1980, where she accumulated about 282 flying hours. She arrived at Kadena Dec. 16, 1980, where she was assigned to the 18th Tactical Fighter Squadron.

Now, she is assigned to the 44th Fighter Squadron and is the 18th Operations Group's flagship.

The pilot assigned to her is Col. Doug Cochran, 18th OG commander. Cochran was off island and the 44th FS couldn't postpone the flight until he got back, so they decided to have the youngest pilot in the squadron make the historic flight.

First Lt. Brian Swyt was only three years old when the aircraft came off the production line



First Lt. Brian Swyt prepares to take the aircraft on its epic flight while Senior Airman Alexander Figliola lends a hand.

in 1979. She is the oldest aircraft Swyt, who has been a pilot for two years, has ever flown.

"It's a great honor for me to get to fly this aircraft," Swyt said.

Swyt believes 78-0518's longevity is due to those who take care of her every day.

"I haven't seen any better (maintainers) anywhere else," Swyt said. "They're very knowledgeable about what they're doing, they do a great job and they've got a great work ethic. They really work hard to accomplish the mission."

One of her assistant crew chiefs, Senior Airman Alexander Figliola, says it's the crew's pride in 78-0518 that has kept her flying for more than 20 years.

"It has a lot to do with the crew caring about her," Figliola said. "Actually caring about the aircraft is what keeps them going. If you care about something, like your car, it's going to keep running. We care about the aircraft, so she's going to keep running. Aircraft perform exactly how the people maintain them."

He believes she'll keep right on flying for more than 8,000 hours, because of the pride and care he, Staff Sgt. Clinton Votruba and Airman 1st Class Gary Boring — along with all the maintainers who work on her from time to time — have for her. Votruba is her crew chief and Boring is her other assistant crew chief.

You do the math

An F-15's average cruising speed is 500 knots per hour. There are 1.15 knots in a mile. The aircraft flew 6,000 hours. A trip to the moon is 238,900 miles.

500 times 1.15 = 575 miles per hour

575 times 6,000 = 3,450,000 miles

3,450,000 divided by 238,900 = 14.44 trips to the moon

F-15 Facts

Mission

The F-15 Eagle is an all-weather, extremely maneuverable, tactical fighter designed to permit the Air Force to gain and maintain air superiority in aerial combat.

Features

The Eagle's air superiority is achieved through a mixture of unprecedented maneuverability and acceleration, range, weapons and avionics. It can penetrate enemy defense and outperform and outfight any current enemy aircraft. The F-15 has electronic systems and weaponry to detect, acquire, track and attack enemy aircraft while operating in friendly or enemy-controlled airspace. The weapons and flight control systems are designed so one person can safely and effectively perform air-to-air combat.

Background

The single-seat F-15C and two-seat F-15D models entered the Air Force inventory beginning in 1979. These new models have Production Eagle Package (PEP 2000) improvements, including 2,000 pounds (900 kilograms) of additional internal fuel, provision for carrying exterior conformal fuel tanks and increased maximum takeoff weight of up to 68,000 pounds (30,600 kilograms).

General characteristics

Primary function: Tactical fighter

Contractor: McDonnell Douglas Corp.

Power plant: Two Pratt & Whitney F100-PW-220 or 229 turbofan engines with afterburners

Thrust: (C/D models) 23,450 pounds each engine

Wing span: 42.8 feet (13 meters)

Length: 63.8 feet (19.44 meters)

Height: 18.5 feet (5.6 meters)

Speed: 1,875 mph (Mach 2.5 plus)

Maximum takeoff weight: (C/D models) 68,000 pounds (30,844 kilograms)

Ceiling: 65,000 feet (19,812 meters)

Range: 3,450 miles (3,000 nautical miles) ferry range with conformal fuel tanks and three external fuel tanks

Crew: F-15A/C: one. F-15B/D/E: two

Armament: One internally mounted M-61A1 20mm 20-mm, six-barrel cannon with 940 rounds of ammunition; four AIM-9L/M Sidewinder and four AIM-7F/M Sparrow air-to-air missiles, or eight AIM-120 AMRAAMs, carried externally.

Unit Cost: \$15 million

Date deployed: July 1972

Inventory: Active force, 423; Reserve, 0; ANG, 45.



File photo

Action Line

634-3327

Brig. Gen. James B. Smith
18th Wing commander



The 18th Wing is very interested in your ideas that could make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play.

If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it.

Although not required, it is better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agency with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, give us a call; leave your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you and a brief summary of your concern.

The agencies listed below can be contacted directly if you have a complaint or problem:

AAFES Action Line — 645-4301
Base Exchange — 633-4570
Civil Engineer Helpline — 634-4270
Clubs — 634-3002
Commissary — 634-3640
Finance — 634-3006
Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline — 634-0404
Home Telephone Helpline — 634-4080
Housing Maintenance — 634-HOME
Kadena Services — 634-1719
Medical and Dental — 632-9304
Safety — 634-SAFE
Security Forces — 634-2475

More outages than most in Futenma Housing area

Q: Why does the Futenma Housing area have more power and water outages than any other housing area?

A: Electrical outages are required in all housing areas by the Okinawa Electric Company so company workers can perform scheduled, routine maintenance on electric sub-stations located off base.

To help curb inconveniences to housing residents, the electric company notifies the Marine Corps or the 18th Civil Engineer operations branch 10 days prior to the scheduled outage. In turn, the building custodians and housing occupants of affected areas are notified.

Unfortunately, water outages are generally unscheduled and are typically the result of old water line failures.

The Futenma housing area is part of a housing re-development initiative that will include infrastructure upgrades, which will reduce water outages.

Anyone who had questions or concerns about utility outages can contact the housing office or housing maintenance office in their area.

Meeting your goals How to be winner, get what you want

By Senior Master Sgt. Mark Godinez
909th Air Refueling Squadron

With so many distractions in life, it's difficult to keep an eye on your goals and battling obstacles takes a great deal of energy.

When goals come up against resistance, we become frustrated and sometimes make the wrong decision about whether or not to persist. Knowing when it pays to press forward and when to throw in the towel is important.

These steps and questions can help you determine which course of action is right for you, and what strategies work best once you've decided to take on your opposition.

Think it through

Decisions about persistence are often made too hastily.

In many situations, little more than some soul searching and agonizing takes place. Too little time is spent contemplating whether a battle is even worthwhile.

To decide whether persistence is a wise strategy, ask yourself three questions.

- Is my goal clear and focused?
- How important is this goal?
- How determined is the opposition?

Spend a few days thinking about your answers and write them down.

If your goal is clear and important, as your opposition is determined, you must ask yourself another question.

Wearing down your opponent

Do I have the time and energy to wear down my opposition?

If the answer is yes, your persistence to reach your goal will pay off.

Study your opposition and understand the field of battle. It is important to understand that not all oppositions can be worn down quickly and easily.

In some situations your opponent may not be receptive to such a tactic or may even find it offensive. If you think that this may occur, ask yourself:

- Is your goal attainable even though you have encountered such strong resistance?

“Persistence is admirable and can be rewarding, but you must also know when your strategy no longer makes sense.”

- Do you have the stamina to carry on even if it takes days, weeks, or months?

Remember, if you find that your goals and their benefits (personal or business) are rational and or factional rather than emotional, then you're headed in the right direction and your goal is worth battling for.

Finally, do you know when to quit?

Persistence is admirable and can be rewarding, but you must also know when your strategy no longer makes sense.

Many highly-motivated people refuse to change course once they begin persisting, even after it becomes apparent that their energy would be better spent doing something else.

Bottomline: At this point, abandon your persistence. Not only are you likely to lose the battle, but you will also stand a good chance of losing your status and integrity.

Experience teaches

Twenty years after the Vietnam War ended, visiting American generals reminded the Vietnamese generals that “They had never lost a battle in the field.”

The Vietnamese generals replied, “You may have never lost a battle, but you did lose the war.” In other words, know which battles to fight.

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Base Appearance Team visits Sept. 20-24

Kadena readies for inspection

By Staff Sgt.
Orville Desjarlais
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The entire Kadena Team is gearing up for the upcoming Base Appearance Evaluation Sept. 20-24 by trying to improve the base's looks, inside and out.

The most visible projects recently have been tree-planting and landscaping projects at Kadena Gates 2 and 3, demolishing unsightly buildings and painting 66 industrial-style buildings.

"There are also a lot of self-help landscape projects this year and many people are pressure washing their sidewalks," said Maj. David Lehosit, 18th CES operations flight commander.

Since the Pacific Air Forces inspection is just around the corner, Lehosit provided the following list of

inspection items that should be completed before the team arrives.

Family housing

- Pressure wash homes, sidewalks and cutters
- Trim grass, bushes and pick up trimmings
- Landscape houses
- Edge sidewalks
- Put toys, swing sets and large items in back yard
- Remove grass in sidewalks and gutters

Dorms

- Ensure rooms are clean

Inside

- Remove sings not in picture frames
- Remove office clutter and stacked boxes
- Clean counter tops
- Paint interior areas
- Clean carpets and windows

Building exteriors

- Pressure wash facilities
- Add landscaping to enhance front entrances
- If a facility isn't on the paint plan, touch up or paint your facility



Gate 3 before ...



... Gate 3 after

- Pick up garbage around facilities
- Trim shrubs
- Before the evaluation, trim grass and pick up the grass trimmings
- Remove grass from sidewalk cracks
- Dress-up temporary buildings
- Self-help paint or landscape
- Keep landscaping free of weeds
- Remove red cigarette butt cans (the GSA has decorative one)

- Remove old connexs and storage containers next to facilities
- Remove excess sandbags
- Remove typhoon tape off windows
- Remove remnants of signs left on building
- Move smoke areas from customer entrances
- Outside break areas should not be cluttered; remove broken picnic tables and old furniture

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One was the system inspection program, run by Steve Asoto, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron liquid fuel maintenance shop.

"Under his program, minor fuel leaks have a better chance of being detected earlier, possibly avoiding a potential environmental disaster,"

Settle said. "That's a considerable feat when you take into account that the Kadena fuels system has more than 13 miles of piping and 52 acres of land."

Under the pesticides inspection, the team had two positive findings. One was for the estab-

lishment of a termite baiting system, called Sentricon, which will reduce the amount of termiticides — pesticides used specifically for termites — used on Kadena by more than 3,000 percent, according to Settle.

Other areas with one positive findings were cultural resources, environmental law, solid waste and wastewater. Natural resources had two.

During the safety and occupational health inspection, which includes chemical hazards, ergonomics, safety and sanitation, the team had seven positive findings.

The areas with one positive finding each were ionizing radiation, hearing conservation, respiratory protection, confined space and sanitation. There were two findings under the safety section.

More top performers

Along with those people already named above for their outstanding work, the following people were recognized by the ESOH CAMP team as professional performers:

Lt. Col. Issac Atkins, Jr., 18th AMDS; **Capt. Javier DeLucca**, 909th Air Refueling Squadron; **Master Sgt. Antonio Aviles**, 909th ARS; **Master Sgt. Gary Furman**, 18th Operations Group; **Tech. Sgt. Donald Ward**, 18th MXS; **Tech. Sgt. James Curtin**, 18th SUPS; **Tech. Sgt. Ken Standifer**, 18th SUPS; **Staff Sgt. Kenneth Luthi**, 18th Wing Safety; **Staff Sgt. Caroline Peters**, 18th MXS; **Staff Sgt. Donald Spanberger**, 18th MXS; **Staff Sgt. Davanaliz Short**, 18th AMDS; **Staff Sgt. Karen Stone**, 18th AMDS; **Senior Airman Bobby Stanford**, 18th CES; **Senior Airman Sean Roche**, 18th MXS; **Senior Airman Stephan Lucero**, 909th ARS; **Senior Airman Robert Henshaw**, 18th MXS; **Senior Airman Jason Greene**, 18th MXS; **Senior Airman Thomas Turner**, 18th MXS; **Cory Arnold**, 18th MXS; **Katsuo (Jon) Hayashi**, 718th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Giang Pham**, 718th CES; **Ken Kinjo**, 18th AMDS; **Orlando Rivas**, Marine Corps Community Service; **Jimmy Schwartz**, 18th CES; **Lou Verdejo**, 18th MXS; the 18th Wing Hazardous Material Management Program team members; the 18th Wing Public Affairs Community Relations staff; and the 718th CES Environmental Flight staff.

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"The biggest attribute is this system cuts time for the maintainer and therefore allows personnel to focus on issues like safety and providing a customer-oriented environment. It's a real process improvement," said Payne.

Slane identified the process to develop and refine the current version of Eagle Eye as one of the very best in his career and something that he will carry with him throughout this lifetime. "Our team was able to overcome many obstacles which provided us with many new challenges. Throughout the process, we spent hours learning and developing software architectural techniques to improve and refine this system," Slane said.

"We had several people before us working on this system, but no one individual left a comprehensive list of suggestions or recommendations. Much of the final product was put together by reading books and systematically evaluating techniques to enhance and refine the software system. Many hours were spent making sure the final version would be reliable and operate efficiently," stated Lazette.

Friend described his experience, "Because of the environment, Kevin, Chad, and myself have had the opportunity to overcome many difficult challenges. This real-life experience has provided us with the knowledge to identify and strategize priorities. This learning process is something that I will use during my lifetime. The systems-based approach to refine and develop Eagle Eye has pulled us together. It has been a very rewarding and educational experience in dealing with senior Air Force officials as well as the many talented and dedicated individuals throughout the our command."

The benefit and monetary savings are already apparent. As the use of older aircraft continues and the development of new more sophisticated aircraft takes place, the tracking and management of removable components will continue to be an arduous task. Eagle Eye is already capable of managing complex data base in queries and refined over time; the cost benefit may easily reach into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Another important benefit is the issue of safety. Through the use of Eagle Eye software, maintainers and engineers will have the ability to systematically track the reliability of various components used on the aircraft and make informed decisions about procedures and methods used to carry out their mission.

Eagle Eye and its team left for Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, September 7th. These professionals were recently recognized for their hard work and dedication by the Air Force and received the Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award for PACAF. The team will make their presentation at the Air Force Association Convention in Washington next week, competing against 20 other teams for the title of the best in Air Force for having developed a process improvement that has enhanced mission readiness throughout the Air Force for having developed the top process.

Team members include Senior Master Sgt. Terry Gafford from Farmerville, La.; Senior Master Sgt. David Payne, from Covington, Va.; Staff Sgt. Joshua Friend from Olympia, Wash.; Staff Sgt. Chad Lazette from Dundee, Mich.; and Staff Sgt. Kevin Slane from Tulsa, Okla.;

What's Happening?

The following is a commonly used list of telephone numbers for this week's off duty activities:

Schilling Community Activities Center — 634-1387
Kadena Family Support Center — 634-3366
Kadena Information, Tickets and Tours — 634-4322
Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 634-1666
Kadena Base Library — 634-1502
Kadena American Red Cross — 634-1979
Banyan Tree Club — 634-0644
Rocker NCO Club — 634-0740
Officer's Club — 632-6071
Busena Terrace Resort Hotel — 098-051-1333
Southeast Botanical Garden — 939-2555
Renaissance Hotel — 965-0707
Mitsukoshi Department Store — 869-4115
Bullfighting — 857-0185
Gushikawa Civic Art Theater — 978-4400
Prefectural Folk Theater — 866-2341

Off-Base

Exhibitions

Through Sept. 26: *Okinawan Butterfly exhibits* — Ocean Expo Park Tropical Dream Center — 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. — 20 specimens found only on Okinawa presented by pictures and narratives — 0980-48-3140 for more information
Through Sept. 13: *The 21st Okinawa Ceramic Art exhibition* — Mitsukoshi Department Store fifth floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. — free
Sept. 12: *Bullfighting — Iha Bullfighting Ring* — 1 p.m. — ¥2,500
Sept. 14-20: *Yamaai Studio, Indigo Fabrics exhibition* — Mitsukoshi Department Store fifth floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. — free
Sept. 21-27: *Disney Animation Cells exhibition* — Mitsukoshi Department Store fifth floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. — free
Sept. 28 through Oct. 4: *Lynn Gertenbach painting exhibition* — Mitsukoshi Department Store fifth floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily

Sales

Sept. 14-20: *Second-hand Kimono bargain sale* — Mitsukoshi Department Store sixth floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Festivals/Fairs

Through Sept. 19: *Russian Space Fair* — Gymnasium at 21st Century Park, Nago City — 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. every day — ¥1,500 for adults, ¥900 for children 15 years and under — 0980-53-1212 for more information
Through Sept. 30: *Ethnic Curry Fair* — Sun Marina Hotel — 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — Thai-style seafood curry, curry steak and more — ¥1,300 per person — 965-2222 for more information
Sept. 17-19: *Islands Fair* — Okinawa Convention Center — 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily — other islands specialty items, exhibitions, sales and traditional performances — 866-2045 for more information
Sept. 21-27: *Hokkaido Autumn Fair* — Mitsukoshi Department Store sixth floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. — variety of food items, dairy products and more
Sept. 24: *Itoman Tug-of-War Festival* — Itoman Rotary Area — 5 p.m. — every welcome to participate — 992-4121 for more information
Sept. 26: *Port Festival in Awase* — Okinawa City Awase Fishing Port — 10

a.m. to 9:30 p.m. — Dragon Boat race, Eisa performance, live music, fireworks and more — 939-3711 for more information

Dining/Shows

Daily: *Ramada Renaissance Okinawa, Asian Pacific Brunch buffet* — Renaissance Hotel Sailfish Cafe, first floor — 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. — ¥1,900 per person, half price for children under 12
Daily: *Italian Pasta and Sweets lunch* — Renaissance Hotel Four Season, second floor — noon to 3:30 p.m. — ¥2,200 per person, half price for children under 12
Through Sept. 30: *Ramada Renaissance Okinawa, Hawaiian Night Asian buffet and dinner show* — Renaissance Hotel — shows every night at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. except Tuesdays — ¥5,250 in advance, ¥6,006 at the door, half price for children under 12
Through Sept. 30: *The Night Away* — Busena Terrace Resort Hotel beachside deck — ¥11,000 — stylish dining then cruise every night — register by 6:30 p.m., barbecue dinner starts at 7 p.m., cruise at 7:30 p.m., light show at 10 p.m.
Through Sept. 30: *Monsoon Cafe Garden Restaurant* — Southeast Botanical Garden — open every day 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sept. 11: *Jazz in Renaissance* — Renaissance Hotel outdoor poolside — 7:30-9:30 p.m. — ¥2,200 in advance, 2,500 at the door — tickets sold at hotel — price includes one soft drink and a ticket for prizes
Sept. 17: *Laguna Garden Hotel dinner and jazz* — Kadena ITT — 7 p.m. to midnight — barbecue dinner and jazz — \$45 per person, includes entrance and first drink
Sept. 26: *Nikko Alivila 5th Anniversary Special Plan "Del Amer de Espano"* — Hotel Nikko Alivila — ¥9,000 for noon to 1 p.m. show with lunch from 1-2:30 p.m., ¥7,000 for 3-4 p.m. show with no meal, and ¥12,000 for 7-8 p.m. show with dinner from 5:30-7 p.m. — meal choices are Japanese, American or Chinese

Dance/Music

Sept. 14: *Kariyushi Ryukyuan dance performance* — Prefectural Folk Theater — 8 p.m. — ¥2,000 in advance, ¥2,500 at the door
Sept. 17: *Latin Music Charity concert* — Pallet Folk Theater — 7-9:30 p.m. — ¥1,500 — 862-9567 for more information
Sept. 18: *Yamaha Music School annual piano concert* — Pallet Folk Theater — 5:30-8:45 p.m. — free — 832-1313 for more information

Sept. 19: *Beethoven's 9th Symphony concert* — Gushikawa Civic Art Theater — 8 p.m. — ¥2,000 in advance, ¥2,500 at the door
Sept. 21: *Kariyushi Ryukyuan dance performance* — Prefectural Folk Theater — 8 p.m. — ¥2,000 in advance, ¥2,500 at the door
Sept. 25: *Ethiopian National Folk Music and Dance Troupe* — Okinawa Civic Hall — 7-9 p.m. — ¥3,800 in advance, ¥4,300 at the door — tickets available at Fukuhara and Teruya music stores — 860-3588 for more information
Sept. 28: *Kariyushi Ryukyuan dance performance* — Prefectural Folk Theater — 8 p.m. — ¥2,000 in advance, ¥2,500 at the door

Tours

Sept. 18: *Battle of Okinawa historical tour* — Kadena ITT — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. — bring yen for lunch
Sept. 19: *Castle ruin exploration* — Kadena ITT — bring yen for lunch
Sept. 22: *Blue Indigo studio and Yamano-Sato antique store tour* — Kadena ITT — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — bring yen to dye your own indigo project and for lunch
Sept. 24: *Bath House — Kadena ITT* — 5:30-11:30 p.m. — enjoy herbal baths, whirlpools and saunas — approximately ¥2,000 for facials, ¥3,000 for a 45-minute massage
Sept. 24-26: *Tsuken Island camping trip* — Outdoor Recreation — sign up by Sept. 13 — tents, sleeping bags and assorted camping gear are supplied — \$125 per four-person family — 634-2841 for more information

International tours

Oct. 8-11: *Nagasaki* — Kadena ITT
Dec. 26 through Jan. 3: *The Millennium in Bali* — Kadena ITT

On-Base

Officers Club

Mondays
• *Flashback Retro 80* — Weekender Lounge — 8-10 p.m.
Tuesdays
• *All-You-Can-Eat Free Pizza* — Weekender Lounge — 5-7 p.m.
• *Classic rock DJ* — Weekender Lounge — 8-10 p.m.
Wednesdays
• *Variety music* — Weekender Lounge — 8-10 p.m.
Fridays
• *High Energy with Rob* — Weekender Lounge — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Saturdays
• *DJ Dance* — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Sept. 14: *Just 4 Laughs comedy show-case* — Dean Austin and Shayma Tash — Weekender Lounge — 8 p.m. — Officers Club members only — free
Sept. 22: *Kid's night* — Ballroom — 5-7 p.m. — meet Jazzy the Clown, enjoy movies, face painting available, lots of giveaways

Rocker NCO Club

Sundays
• *All that Jazz* — Lounge — 4-8 p.m.
• *Back in the Day* — Old school and soul music — Lounge — 8 p.m. to midnight
• *Sunday Brunch* — children under 5 eat free

Mondays

• *Country Music and Karaoke Sing-Along* — Lounge — 7 p.m. to midnight
• *Monday Family Night* — members receive 20 percent off evening meals when dining with their family
Tuesdays
• *Deja Vu Super 70's and 80's Variety and Classic Rock* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to midnight
• *Boss and Buddy Night* — after 4 p.m.
Wednesdays
• *Kid's Night* — Dining Room
• *Ladies' Night* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to midnight
Thursdays
• *Jazz Music* — Lounge — 5-8 p.m.
• *Rhythm and Blues* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Fridays
• *Request Variety Top 40's* — Lounge — 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.
• *Super Social Hour* — Lounge — 5-6 p.m.
• *Rhythm and Blues* — Ballroom — 10:30 p.m. to 3 a.m.
Saturdays
• *Variety music* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.
• *Rhythm and Blues* — Ballroom — 10:30 p.m. to 3 a.m.
Sept. 11: *Rock band "Cry Wolf"* — Lounge — 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
Sept. 15: *Just 4 Laughs comedy show-case* — Dean Austin and Shayma Tash — Lounge — 8 p.m. — Rocker NCO Club members and thier authorized guests only — free
Sept. 17: *All Night Dance Party* — Lounge — 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. — variety music
Sept. 17: *Tropical Wave All Night Dance Party* — Ballroom — 10:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. — Rhythm and Blues/Hip Hop dance music — prizes for the wildest Hawaiian shirt
Sept. 29: *Membership Appreciation Night* — Dining Room — 5-7 p.m. — complimentary steak or chicken buffet, vendor prizes, cash drawings, variety music — limited seating — no children please
Sept. 30: *A Taste of Italy* — gourmet food and wine dinner — 6 p.m. — Morrell Room — \$27 per guest — limited seating — limit two reservations per membership account

Banyan Tree Club

Sundays
• *80's and 90's variety music* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close
• *All Night Toga Party* — 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. — games and prizes all night
• *Sizzlin' Sunday Stampede* — 2-6 p.m.
• *Sunday Steak Out* — Dining Room — 2-6 p.m.
Tuesdays
• *Football Frenzy* — 8 p.m. — Monday Night Football games — chances to win lots of prizes and trips
• *Absolute Alternative Music* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close
Wednesdays
• *Ladies' Night* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close
• *South Park Party* — Lounge — 10 p.m. — weekly contests with South Park giveaways
Thursdays
• *Country Music* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close
Fridays
• *Listen to Retro Rock* — 70's and 80's music — Lounge — 5-8 p.m.

• *Freaky Friday Social Hour* — Lounge — 5-7 p.m.
• *Underground Vibe* — blend of house, techno and trance music — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close
• *Rhythm and Blues and Hip Hop music* — Ballroom — 9 p.m. to close
Saturdays
• *Rhythm and Blues blend* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close
• *Request 90's variety music* — Ballroom — 9 p.m. to close
Sept. 16: *Just 4 Laughs comedy show-case* — Dean Austin and Shayma Tash — 8 p.m. — Rocker NCO Club and Banyan Tree Club members and their authorized guests only — free
Sept. 23: *Membership Appreciation Night* — Dining Room — 5-7 p.m. — complimentary steak or chicken buffet — vendor prizes, cash drawings, variety music
Sept. 25: *Latin and Rhythm and Blues music mix* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close — Ballroom — 9 p.m. to close — request variety

Dining

Thursdays: *Kid's night at Gater's* — save 50 percent on all orders from children's menu — for children 12 and under

Sales

Sept. 11-19: *Super Summer Sale* — Kadena Marina — 10-25 percent savings on selected items — 634-6036 for more information

Classes

Fridays: *Belly Dance* — Schilling Community Activities Center — 6-7 p.m.
Mondays: *Health First class* — Kadena Health and Wellness Center — 5 p.m. — receive a card for free over-the-counter medication for use at any military pharmacy islandwide and a free Health Wise Handbook on selfcare — to register call the HAWC the Friday prior to the class
Through Sept. 30: *Japanese Conversation* — Schilling Community Activities Center — Tuesdays and Thursdays — 7-8:30 p.m.
Sept. 11: *Basic Investing seminar* — Kadena Family Support Center — 7-45 a.m. to noon — first-come, first-served basis
Sept. 11, 18, 25: *Money Management Course* — Schilling Community Activities Center — introduces military members and their families to key concepts of wise money management
Sept. 13, 20, 27 and Oct. 4: *Ballroom Dance* — Schilling Community Activities Center — 6-8 p.m. — both couples and singles welcome — learn to waltz, polka, jitterbug, swing, cha-cha and basic tango
Sept. 13, 20, 27 and Oct. 4: *Guitar Group* — Schilling Community Activities Center — 6-7 p.m. — work on left-hand finger independence and right-hand pick control — learn the major cords, all notes on all strings in first position and how to play lead and rhythm guitar equally
Sept. 16: *Bundles for Babies workshop* — Kadena Family Support Center — 9-11:30 a.m. — register by Sept. 14
Sept. 18: *Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby* — Kadena American Red Cross — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — class limited to 10 couples — first-come, first-served basis
Sept. 19: *Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby* — Kadena American Red Cross — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — class limited to 10 couples — first-come, first-served basis
Sept. 22: *Living on Less and Still Having Fun seminar* — Kadena Family Support Center — 1:30-3 p.m. — register by Sept. 19

MOVIES

Keystone 634-1869

Tonight: *"The 13th Warrior,"* R
Saturday: *"The Mummy,"* PG-13, and *"The 13th Warrior,"* R
Sunday: *"The Mummy,"* PG-13, *"The 13th Warrior,"* R, and *"The General's Daughter,"* R
Monday: *"The General's Daughter,"* R
Tuesday: *"Summer of Sam,"* R
Wednesday: *"Summer of Sam,"* R
Thursday: *"Mickey Blue Eyes,"* PG-13
Sept. 17: *"Mickey Blue Eyes,"* PG-13

Butler 645-3465

Tonight: *"Mickey Blue Eyes,"* PG-13
Saturday: *"Mickey Blue Eyes,"* PG-13
Sunday: *"Wild Wild West,"* PG-13
Monday: *"Wild Wild West,"* PG-13
Tuesday: *"Ten Things I Hate About You,"* PG-13
Wednesday: *"Black Mask,"* R
Thursday: *"The Astronaut's Wife,"* R
Sept. 17: *"The Astronaut's Wife,"* R

VIDEO

New video release available each Tuesday at the base video stores. Because of shipping, release dates may vary.

Sept. 21
"Doug's First Movie"
"My Favorite Martian"
"The Out of Towners"
Sept. 28
"Desert Heat"
"Invisible Mom 2"
"Rocky Marciano"
"The Lesser Evil"
"The Mummy"
"The Naked Man"
"Three Seasons"
Oct. 5
"Detour"



Okinawa becomes first in DoDDS to offer full-day kindergarten program

By Charles K. Steitz
Kadena Shogun volunteer

Starting Monday, Okinawa will become the first district in the Department of Defense Dependents Schools to implement a full-day kindergarten program in all their elementary schools.

DoDDS, along with strong support from the military community, made the decision to provide a full-day kindergarten program earlier this year.

For the past six months, administrators and military officials worked hand in hand to coordinate the shipment of materials, hire qualified personnel, and locate enough space to provide students with the very best in early-educational initiatives. Twenty-one new classrooms have been added, which brings the number of full-day classrooms throughout Okinawa to 40.

Three on Kadena

On Kadena, classes are located at the Bob Hope Primary School, Kadena Elementary School and Stearly Heights Elementary School.

"Our new kindergarten program will be the first of many steps in a lifetime of successful learning experiences," said Dr. Steven R. Bloom, DoDDS, Okinawa, superintendent.

A learning environment

In accordance with DoDDS regulations teachers will provide a learning environment that supports developmentally-appropriate practices. Teachers will use the DoDDS curricular standards to guide their teaching, and students will learn through active engagement with their environment. Teachers will plan small group activities and learning centers which combine the DoDDS



Kindergarten teacher Renae Parker, Bob Hope Primary School, prepares her class for a full day of teaching, a DoDDS first in kindergarten.

Photo by Charles Steitz

standards, along with the children's interest, and the use of teaching strategies that are geared for young children.

"One of the benefits of full-day kindergarten is teachers will have more time to individualize instruction, engage students in inquiry, study concepts in depth, assess students' progress and ensure children are on task. Full-day kindergarten classrooms will look and feel differently from what many parents may have experienced themselves as children or have seen in the past," said Jane Schneider, district Early Childhood Liaison.

Small groups

Parents should expect to see learning centers, small-group instruction, and time for student directed learning. Whole-group, teacher directed instruction will be kept to a minimum because research shows that kindergarten age children need time to interact with each other and with materials.

There are also standards and expectation for language arts and reading, science, social studies, art, music, physical education, health, and computer literacy. For instance, kindergarten teachers will encourage the development of communication skills through talking, writing, role-playing, and listening.

Standards driven

"Our new program, along with the early childhood initiative, will allow parents to see their children's education driven by standards, and teachers will be held to a higher level of accountability for what they teach and how their students learn."

"Learning activities will be integrated across the curriculum and children will become active participants in the learning process," said Bloom.

First day Monday

Students, teachers, parents, and administrators will celebrate the first day of full-time kindergarten Sept. 13.

A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at Bob Hope Elementary School at 8:45 a.m. Students are eligible to enter kindergarten if their fifth birthday occurs on or before Oct. 31. For additional information, call your local school.

Wing commander, wife talk to Kadena sophomores

Gen. Smith: Good grades important

The importance of hard work and good grades were among the messages Brig. Gen. James B. Smith, 18th Wing commander, and his wife, Dr. Janet Breslin Smith, shared with more than 200 Kadena High School sophomores last week during a student orientation session held in the Keystone Theater.

"I've got to tell you a secret - one you don't want to hear," the general said.

"The sophomore year is the toughest year of school for both high school and college students."

The general asked the students to study diligently because, even in the military, having a good education is important.

"Education is a way of life for all of us. In the Air Force, you have to go to school before you go to your first assignment. If you want to be

an officer, you have to go to college. This is a really important year for you because it will determine the opportunities that will be available to you down the road."

The general advised the students to learn as much as possible while earning good grades to help ensure all possible opportunities will be available to them after graduation.

"Your goal this year should be to work hard," Smith said.

The general also reminded the students to take advantage of all the youth programs Kadena has initiated within the last year, including the new Teen Center Millennium.



Photo by Senior Airman Susan Adams

Brig. Gen. James B. Smith and his wife, Janet, discuss the importance of education to Kadena sophomores during a student orientation session.

BRIEFS

Kadena plans first triathlon

The first Kadena Triathlon is scheduled Oct. 23. It'll begin at 6 a.m. at the Kadena High School pool and end at Kinney Park.

Competitors will swim five laps, bike 25 kilometers and finish with a 10-kilometer run. The entry fee is \$25, or ¥3,500. Trophies, T-shirts and prizes will be awarded to overall winners. The competition is open to athletes islandwide. To register, or for more information, call the Risner Fitness Center at 634-4443.

Mr. 300 bowls here Sept. 23

Bob Learn Jr., known as Mr. 300 and one of the Professional Bowling Association Tour's best part-time players, will appear at the Kadena All Star Lanes from 5-10 p.m., Sept. 23. Learn will perform tricks during a free, adult bowling tournament scheduled from 7-10 p.m. Prizes will be awarded and participants can have their pictures taken with Learn.

Learn also will make a showing at the Skoshi Bowl during the After School Program from 3-5 p.m. that same day. Youth ages 9 to 18 can participate in the "Beat Bob Learn Competition." Free autographed pictures and trading cards will be available while supplies last. For more information, call Kadena All Star Lanes at 634-3806 or the Skoshi Bowl at 634-5532.

Golf tournament Sept. 27

A four-person, best-ball tournament begins with a shot-gun start at 7 a.m., Sept. 27, at the Banyan Tree Golf Course. Prizes will be awarded for first-, second-, third- and last-place finishers. Sign up by Sept. 17. For more information, call Capt Phillip Hardin, 634-2366; Capt. Bull

Kirkendall, 634-1803; or Staff Sgt. Quentin Finley, 634-0011.

Youth bowling starts Sept. 18

The Okinawa Youth Bowling League begins Sept. 18 at the Kadena All Star Lanes. Advanced registration is being held for youth ages 3 through 18 from 9-10:30 a.m. Individuals and teams are encouraged to join this league that runs until April 22. For more information, call 634-2290.

Tour De Okinawa Nov. 12-14

The 1999 Tour De Okinawa bicycle road race and bicycle road tour is being held Nov. 12, 13 and

14 in Nago. There are 13 categories, with entry fees ranging from ¥5,000 to ¥15,000. Application forms and a list of fees and categories are available at the Falcon Fitness Center. Applicants must pay in yen. Participants are asked to keep entry fees until a day before the race and copy all the application forms. Registration cards will be available Oct. 7 and are due at Nago City Hall one day before the race or tour starts. For more information, call 634-1128.

Golf tournament Sept. 17

A Young Tigers Association golf tournament begins with a shotgun start at 7 a.m., Sept. 17, at the Banyan Tree Golf Course. The cost is \$20. Participants must sign up before Sept. 10. First prize is \$300, second place is \$200 and last place is \$100. For tickets or for more information, call 634-8087.

Fun Run planned Oct. 11

A Columbus Day 5/10-kilometer fun run starts at 8 a.m., Oct. 11, at the Kinser Sports Complex on Camp Kinser. The run is open to athletes islandwide. The preregistration fee is \$15 with a T-shirt, and \$10 without a T-shirt.

Sign-ups are being accepted until Oct. 5. Or, sign up the day of the race for \$20 with a T-shirt, and \$15 without a T-shirt. Awards go to first through third-place finishers of each division. For more information, call 637-1114.

Islandwide racquetball tournament

The Camp Hansen House of Pain is having an islandwide open racquetball tournament Oct. 23 and 24 starting at 10 a.m. The cost is \$10 in advance, and \$15 the day of the event. Sign up between Oct. 1-22, or between 8-9:45 a.m. the day of the event. For more information, call 623-4831.

Standings

Following are Over-30 Intramural Softball standings (provided by the Falcon Fitness Center staff).

National Division		
Team	Won	Loss
44th FS	5	2
18th MDG	4	2
67th FS	4	2
18th CEG	4	2
353rd SOG	3	2
18th MUNS	2	2
18th MXS/AGE	2	4
633rd AMSS	1	4
909th ARS	1	4
American Division		
18th SFS	6	0
SCP/653rd CLSS	4	2
AAFES	5	1
18th MSS	3	3
33rd RQS	2	3
Chief's Group	2	3